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LET'S GET POPPING

Above: Fans in attendance at Saturday's men's basketball game attempt to break the Guinness world record for number of party poppers popped in a single venue. Right: Incoming CSULB President Jane Close Conoley shakes hands with freshman basketball player Travis Hammonds prior to Saturday's game. Conoley visited campus and met with students and administrators for the first time Friday.

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ASI: Fee increase is needed to avoid budget shortfall

Students will be able to vote on the $16 fee increase in a special election Feb. 26 and 27.

BY COURTNEY TOMPKINS
Managing Editor

Associated Students Inc. will face a $963,000 budget shortfall over the next five years if the proposed $16 ASI fee increase does not pass during next week's special election.

ASI Executive Director Richard Haller said the fee needs to be increased for a number of reasons but, most importantly, to accommodate increasing minimum wage and maintain ASI-owned buildings, such as the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center.

"Those are things we can no longer avoid," Haller said. "We have to address them as soon as possible."

ASI Vice President Jonathon Bolin agreed that deferred facility maintenance is a big priority.

"We can't let our child development center be unsafe for our children, so we have to make those changes," Bolin said. "And we're going to have to cut in certain areas to have that money if the fee doesn't pass."

Haller said the most obvious areas where funding would be cut include the Soroptomist House, the ASI Recycling Center, ASI scholarships and money awarded to student organizations.

If the fee increase passes, however, some funding generated by the fee would go toward necessary items, and a significant portion would go toward other initiatives. Haller said students would like to see the additional funding directed toward four main areas: study abroad grants, research grants, a 24-hour study center and money for major events.

"We haven't had a major concert or special

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California Community Colleges may soon offer bachelor's degrees

SB 850 looks to allow students to complete degrees while in community college.

BY VIKANYA CHEA
Contributing Writer

California Community Colleges may begin offering bachelor's degrees in certain fields, such as health and biotechnology, as part of an eight-year-long pilot program, according to Senate Bill 850.

Authored by Sen. Marty Block, (D-San Diego), SB 850 aims to bridge the gap between the number of bachelor's degrees being produced in California and the number needed for California to remain "economically competitive."

"There are hundreds of thousands of jobs … that are open, but they can't be filled because students haven't gotten the right training," Block said. "I think that this bill could help fill that need."

During Cal State University Chancellor Timothy P. White's State of the CSU address, he said California needs to produce one million more bachelor's degrees in the next decade to keep up with the state's growing workforce needs.

The CCC pilot program, Block said, would give students the opportunity to finish the last two years of their bachelor's degrees at a community college.

Currently, 21 states, including Texas and Florida, allow community colleges to grant bachelor's degrees.

Block, who is also former president of the San Diego Community College District, said many students who graduated from the SDCCD were not accepted to a CSU campus because of overcrowding or because their desired degree was not offered.

Long Beach City College Superintendant-President Eloy Oakley said that although he is hesitant to take a stance on SB 850, he supports anything that will allow students to graduate with a valuable degree.

"At this point, we're not taking a position on the bill," Oakley said. "Surely,

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Campus community celebrates African-American history month

The event features panelists, spoken word and live music.

By Nicolette Norris
Contributing Writer

Djembe drumbeats echoed throughout the University Student Union Thursday as students and faculty gathered for the 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

The event, which celebrated African-American history Month, continued in the Beach Auditorium with spoken word, a panel discussion and West African drums.

"[The event] is a community grassroots effort to bring the university together," said Jade Turner, co-chair of the event. "It's about Dr. King, and we incorporated Nelson Mandela in this year's celebration given his recent passing, but it's really about all of us coming together."

Panelists at the event discussed topics ranging from the importance of knowing one's roots to using skillsets to improve both life and the university.

Senior psychology and communications major Kameron Lyons said she was inspired by the event.

"It was a [different] take on a [classic] Martin Luther King [Jr.] celebration," Lyons said. "It made us think about what we're doing individually and what we can do to uplift our own people."

Sophomore pre-nursing major Shantel Livingston said she learned a lot from the event.

"It was great just being able to see faculty and students that are so inspiring on campus," Livingston said. "I think that this was a very centering event."

Valerie Bordeaux, chair of the annual MLK celebration, founded the event in 1999 with fellow faculty and staff on campus. Volunteers meet annually over the course of six weeks to organize the one-day event.



Sarah Borean | Daily 49er

Nali Knox does an impromptu dance to the beat of the Dembrebrah West African Drummers during the opening ceremony of CSULB's 15th annual MLK celebration Thursday on the USU North Lawn.

"We didn't have a budget 15 years ago, so we started from scratch," Bordeaux said. "It began as a program in the Sunset Lounge, and a couple years later moved to the multi-purpose room since it became so large. Our goal is to move it to the [Walter Pyramid]."

The MLK Planning Committee also held an essay contest, the results of which were presented at the event. CSULB students were encouraged to write an essay about how King or Mandela influenced their lives as well as how they plan to use their education to pursue social justice.

During the event, Turner presented scholarship awards to two students who won the essay contest. The first-place prize of a $300 scholarship went to sophomore business economics and public relations double major Taylor Jeffrey and the second-place prize of $100 went to sophomore Jamie Vance.

The committee convened at the end of the celebration to honor Bordeaux for her contributions to the celebration and people at the university. The celebration builds "community coming together towards a common goal," Bordeaux said.

"[It is] social justice in action, which is what Dr. King and Mandela were about," she said.

Degrees

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any idea that increases the opportunity for students to gain valuable credential degrees I support, but until we see the actual details emerge from the bill, it's hard for me to say this particular bill is a good idea."

CSU Spokesman Mike Uhlenkamp said he agrees with Oakley.

"We take our time analyzing the bills," Uhlenkamp said. "We have to examine the potential impacts of all these things. There's much more study that needs to go into this."

Uhlenkamp said that, in recent years, the CSU's lack of funding has limited the number of students accepted into the system.

"If you look at the demand to attend a [CSU] campus, we're unable to meet that demand, and we're not able to necessarily serve our students as best we could if the funding was available," Uhlenkamp said. "But we are doing what we can with the resources that [we have]."

As producer of half of the degrees in the state, the CSU received a record number of 760,000 applications for the fall 2014 semester, a 10 percent increase from two years ago.

Block said the goal of the CCC pilot program is not to duplicate degrees offered by the CSU and University of California systems. Instead, it is to grant unique degrees in areas not covered by those systems.

"The whole purpose of this is to offer degrees where there are gaps, things that employers say they need, but the CSU does not offer," Block said. "I think just as CSU and UC work together to produce candidates for the workforce, community colleges will now be part of that as well."

Some students, such as sophomore art major Lauren Rodriguez, think that students should not be able to earn bachelor's degrees at a community college.

"I don't think this is a good idea," she said. "You'd be degrading the prestige of bachelor's degrees. Next, [most] employers might start requiring master's [degrees], and that'd be a problem."

Other students, such as sophomore computer engineering major Chris Toledanes, said they have mixed feelings about SB 850.

"I think it's good that it can create multiple fields … but it's also bad because skills can overlap and create competition for more general degrees," Toledanes said.

SB 850 was introduced on Jan. 9 and referred to the Committee on Education on Jan. 23. More updates on the bill will be available in April when it is sent to the Senate Education Committee for review, Block said.

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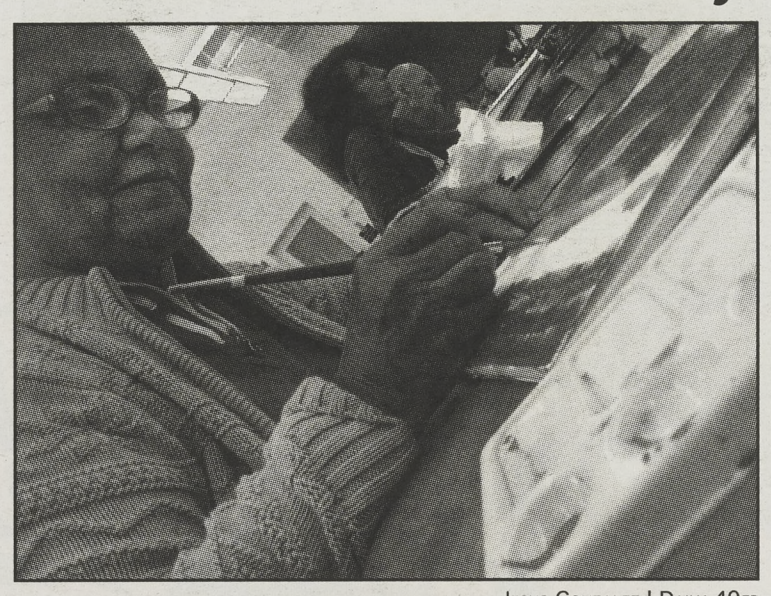
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OLLI students display artwork this week for 9th Annual Art Gallery

The art exhibit features paintings, sculptures and other crafts.

By Matt Mueller
Staff Writer



Jesus Gonzalez | Daily 49er

Jay Chelian, an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute student of three years, paints during a Watercolor Workshop in the Human Services and Design building, Room 105 on Nov. 1.

Silk scarves and paintings created by senior citizens attending the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal State Long Beach are on display this week for its Ninth Annual Art Gallery.

Betty Hutchens, an OLLI student and assistant, heads the art gallery. She said the gallery started in 2006 and has become an annual event because of positive responses from students, their families and others who attend the gallery.

Hutchens said the art gallery features a high number of pieces from students.

"We average between 60 and 100 pieces," Hutchens said.

She also said that art of all kinds is displayed in the gallery.

"Woodwork, such as whittling, [and] sculptures are all presented," Hutchens said. "Some of the work is also from the photography classes."

Only OLLI students may submit pieces to the art gallery, and anyone interested in purchasing a piece must contact the artist because the gallery doesn't facilitate sales, Hutchens said.

Hutchens said the OLLI program hosts non-credit classes in various subjects, including computer literacy and the arts, for adults 50 years old and older.

"OLLI is a fun campus for we old folks," Hutchens said. "That's one thing I want to get across in my program."

She said her son, who is also an artist, inspired her to work in art. He encouraged her back in 2002 to create art in the hopes that their pieces would one day be hung together in galleries.

"I try," Hutchens said. "I do watercolors, pastels and drawing."

The art gallery will be held in the Human Services and Design building, Room 101. Admission to the exhibit is free, and art will be on display through Sunday.

ASI Fee

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guest lecturer on this campus for quite some time," Haller said. "We need a stable source of funding to be able to do that."

Bolin said ASI is trying to organize a concert this semester, but the entertainment budget is limited to $10,000 to $20,000 for a headliner, which is not enough for a big-name performer in the music industry.

Other Cal State University campuses, such as Cal State Northridge and Cal State Fullerton, host at least one major event per semester, Bolin said.

"CSUF had Pitbull last year, and the year before that they had a concert with LMFAO, and the year before that I think they had Drake," Bolin said. "There [are] huge concerts that go on through the CSU, and they are only open to their students ... We'd like to put something like that on for our students."

Students currently pay $44 in ASI fees per semester. Under the proposed $16 increase, students would pay $60 per semester, beginning in the fall.

The ASI fee was last increased in fall 2000, and since then, ASI operating expenses have increased by more than 40 percent, according to an informational pamphlet about the fee.

Haller said that although an increase to the ASI fee has been talked about over the years, it wasn't placed on the ballot because tuition kept increasing and students would have likely voted against it.

"We finally have come to a point where tuition is stabilized," he said. "We have a commitment from the governor's office that tuition won't go up over the next couple of years ... so the timing is now."

ASI student fees generate roughly $3 million in funding toward the student government's annual operating budget. If passed, the fee increase would generate an additional $1.2 million annually, which would be roughly a 30 percent increase, Haller said.

The ASI Senate initially voted to approve the fee increase in spring 2013, but after review from the Student Fee Advisory Committee, ASI executives were informed that any increase in student fees would have to be voted on and approved by the student body.

However, the referendum for the fee increase will not be placed on the general election ballot in March. Instead, the fee increase will be voted on in a Cal State Long Beach special election via email on Feb. 26 and 27, Bolin said.

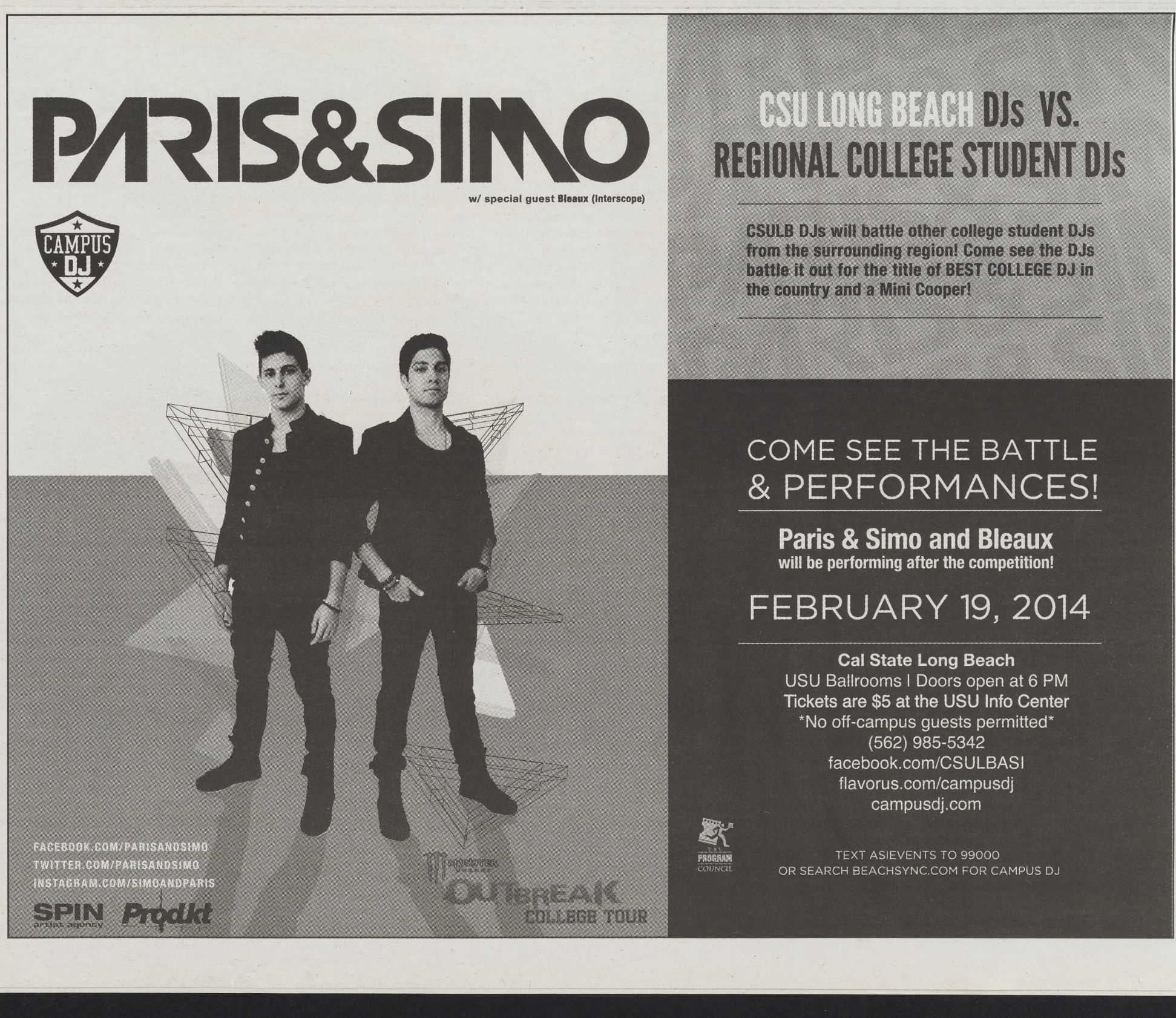
Bolin said ASI chose to hold a special election for the fee increase to allow for additional time to plan the ASI operating budget for 2014-15.

"Putting together a budget with [an additional] $1.2 million in three weeks would be a little bit of a rushed budget," Bolin said. "But if it passes by the end of February, that would give us another month to work on it."

Haller also said that if the fee increase was placed on the general election ballot, ASI candidates might politicize the fee increase by making it part of their platform during campaign season.

A simple majority vote is necessary for the fee's passage, which means more than 50 percent of students who vote in the special election would need to vote yes.

"We need this fee to pass," Bolin said. "If it doesn't pass, there's truly going to be some cuts that I think students will most likely feel."



OUR VIEW: CAL GRANT CHANGES ARE NECESSARY

In Gov. Jerry Brown's 2014-15 preliminary budget, he has proposed to allocate an additional $14.9 million toward students who have lost Cal Grant eligibility status.

Under the current Cal Grant system, a student may permanently lose eligibility for a Cal Grant if his or her family income rises above the maximum income bracket, following the first year that student applies for a Cal Grant award.

In Brown's recent budget proposal, though, he introduced a potential change to the Cal Grant system, which would allow students to reapply for awards each year despite losing eligibility status before.

The Cal Grant renewal process was conducted in this way up until a few years ago, according to Nicholas Valdivia, Cal State Long Beach director of financial aid.

He said the current Cal Grant renewal process has negatively impacted students.

CSU Spokesman Mike Uhlenkamp, said he is in favor of Brown's proposal, as are many CSULB students.

Some students' parents own small businesses with incomes that fluctuate each year, and some students may have parents who do not financially fund the student's education.

The current Cal Grant system can stress any student, from those who rely on such grants to those who could lose their eligibility.

We think Brown's proposed changes to the Cal Grant system will benefit students and help alleviate some of the stresses of paying for college.

For students, it is scary to not know if we will be awarded enough financial aid to cover tuition or if we will have to apply for student loans to cover the cost.

Losing Cal Grant eligibility permanently for having a financially adequate year seems like a form of punishment.

We think the current policy doesn't consider a number of factors for families of four earning more than $83,100.

It is unrealistic to think a family of four wouldn't struggle to send a student to attend a CSU, regardless of how much money the family earns annually.

We are relieved to see these potential changes to the Cal Grant eligibility process introduced in Brown's new plan.

The changes would relieve a great deal of financial pressures for CSU students and their family members in the middle and lower classes.

Uhlenkamp and Valdivia couldn't offer an explanation for the changes to the Cal Grant system a few years ago, which definitely raises a few questions.

What good does the current Cal Grant system do if it prevents students from applying for aid based on annual income?

And why was it changed in the first place?

It seems counterproductive, and the current system seems to do more harm than good to students who depend on Cal Grant funds.

We hope that the Cal Grant eligibility process shifts back to the old ways by the end of this year.



Lobbyists are receiving petty fines for breaking the law

By Nick Chavez
Assistant Opinions Editor

In a scandal that shows the ugly side of politics, Kevin Sloat, a lobbyist and founder of the lobbying firm Sloat Higgins Jensen and Associates, has agreed to pay a fine of $133,500 after admitting that he violated California Lobbying regulations, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Sloat admitted that he hosted political fundraisers at his home, where he provided non-monetary, expensive contribution items to lawmakers, despite laws regulating the price of an item to remain under $10, according to The Sacramento Bee.

These items included expensive gifts such as cigars, wine, liquor and tickets to sporting events.

Sloat was able to get around these regulations by claiming that these gifts were included in the $500 cost limit for fundraising parties.

What might be the most shocking thing about this scandal is that it was not just lower level or lesser-known politicians who received such gifts.

More than 40 lawmakers received these illicit contributions, including Gov. Jerry Brown, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and several California legislators, according to The Sacramento Bee and the L.A. Times.

These individuals were given an official letter of warning from the Fair Political Practices Commission for participating in these events.

This scandal has instigated lawmakers in California to pass new legislation regulating the activities of lobbyists.

California Assemblymember Cristina Garcia is proposing a new measure that would prohibit lobbyists from hosting fundraisers at their homes.

"As we've seen, these in-home lobbyist events fly under the legal radar and I think that they should be banned," Garcia said in a press release, according to the L.A. Times.

It might seem rigid to forbid lobbyists from hosting these fundraisers in their homes, but if lobbyists cannot host fundraisers honestly, then certain measures must be enforced to ensure the integrity of the political system.

There are existing laws in place to regulate the acts of lobbyists, such as the Lobbying Disclosure act of 1995, but the regulations are not perfect and contain loopholes.

One loophole can be found in the laws that determine a person's stance as a lobbyist. These laws state that a person can be considered a lobbyist only if he or she meets all three tests that define a lobbyist.

Anyone, however, could pass only two of the threes tests but still not be considered a lobbyist legally and may get around the laws governing lobbyists, according to the New York Times.

Reform is needed to close these loopholes so that the system can be protected from people who would bend the law for personal gain. Harsher punishments should be in place for these powerful lobbyists who break the law.

Sloat's firm had more than 30 clients ranging from the San Francisco 49er's and Verizon Wireless, according to the firm's official website.

Sloat Higgins Jensen and Associates earned $4.7 million last year, according to records from the Secretary of State. The fine is almost trivial for a man like Sloat.

These fines should be increased to deter lobbyists from breaking the law and seriously punish them if they do.

These professional lawmakers should be more than familiar with the California lobbying policy and should know better than to partake in such acts.

The fact that they just get a letter of warning from the Fair Political Practices Commission is almost farcical.

A policy should be in place that punishes the lawmakers involved in illicit lobbying acts as well, such as a heavy fine or a three-strike system that would remove them from office if such behavior occurred again.

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Letter to the Editor: Vegan options are available on campus

This Letter to the Editor is in response to an Our View, titled "Peta2 exhibit doesn't dictate our diet," published on Feb. 4.

On behalf of Cease Animal Torture, we would like to thank you for taking the time to address PETA's exhibit.

As an organization, we work diligently so groups like PETA can visit our campus.

Although your article was neutral and noncommittal in nature, there are a few issues with your comments that need correction or clarification. We are directly responding to a post, and as a result, general information about or arguments for veganism will be largely excluded.

The first notion we would like to dispel is that there aren't affordable vegetarian menu options.

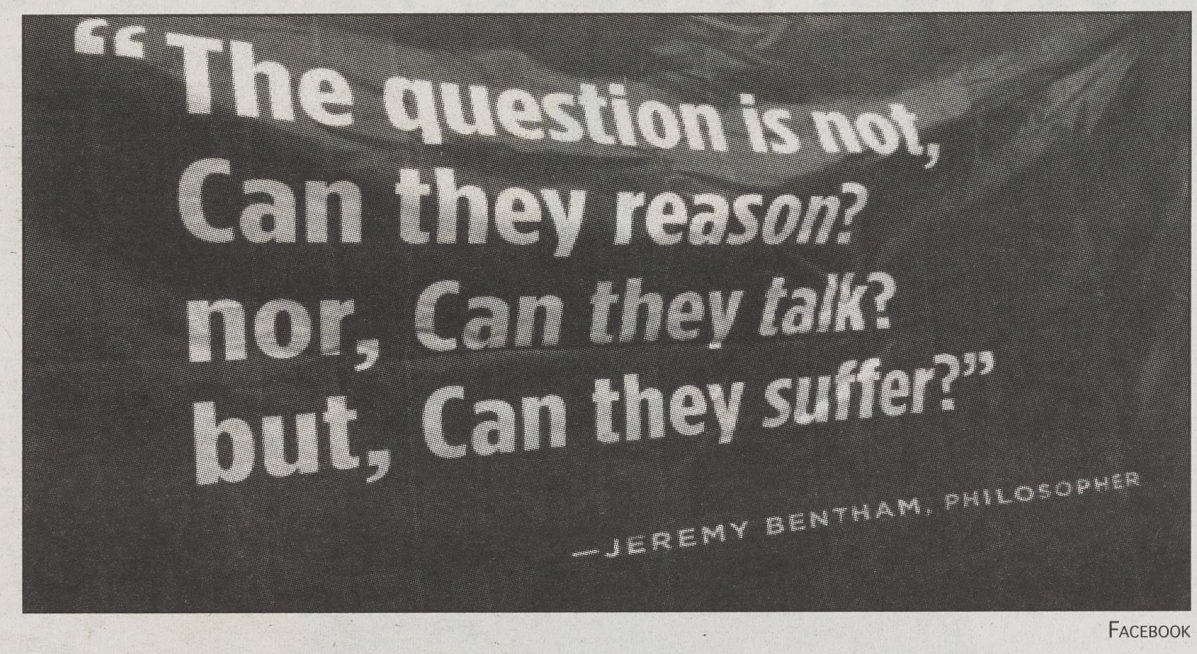
On the contrary, there are multiple vegetarian and vegan options at almost every place on campus. Cease Animal Torture ultimately advocates a vegan diet, but going vegetarian is a marvelous place to start; all of us (and most vegans) were vegetarian before they went vegan.

For clarity, we will resort to a laundry list of vegetarian and vegan food options available on campus.

The Beach Walk Café offers a number of vegetarian and vegan meals and snack options. The Beach Hut Convenience Store offers a number of pre-packaged vegan items.

El Pollo Loco offers veggie bowls with the option of eliminating cheese.

The Nugget Grill and Pub and The Outpost have a number of "meaty" meatless options, such as garden burgers.



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Subway can also make vegan and vegetarian sandwiches.

Almost all Robeks smoothies can be made vegan. If you're finding yourself missing the consistency that yogurt provides, peanut butter, acai or oatmeal typically work well as a thickening agent.

Personally, we usually get the grain bowl from the Beach Walk Café. At $3.60, it's an affordable option that works well as a lunch.

Keep in mind that these options are all on campus. Less than a mile away, Veggie Grill boasts a completely vegan menu.

The idea that there are no vegetarian foods to eat on campus is a misconception, to say the least.

But enough about available choices. They're ubiquitous. As for the notion from the Daily 49er Our View, "many students left the Peta2 exhibit feeling disturbed and maybe a little bit guilty," we have little sympathy.

All of us possess moral agency; when we feel guilty about something we're perpetually doing, then perhaps it is a sign that our actions need to change.

What happens to animals is absolutely disturbing; we couldn't agree more. What is equally disturbing is how easily society pushes these problems to the periphery of our mental processes, how knowing what happens in factory farms but still eating animals requires a carefully cultivated ignorance.

Many of us can claim legitimate ignorance — some of us had no idea what went on in factory farms until we were teenagers.

When we find out, however, we as human beings are obligated to ensure that our actions coordinate with our feelings. Guilt can be defined as an emotion that occurs when an individual has violated a moral standard that they themselves believe in.

Almost all of us believe in kindness and compassion, but eating animals is incompatible with these ideals. That gnawing feeling, guilt, is the reminder that we're human. If you're feeling guilty, act upon it.

As for the graphic nature of the messages, we aren't excited about them either, but is there a better alternative?

If animal rights media is not immediately inflammatory, it is ignored.

This is the decision that animal rights activists must make: If we pursue a culturally appropriate means of spreading a message, we're completely ignored.

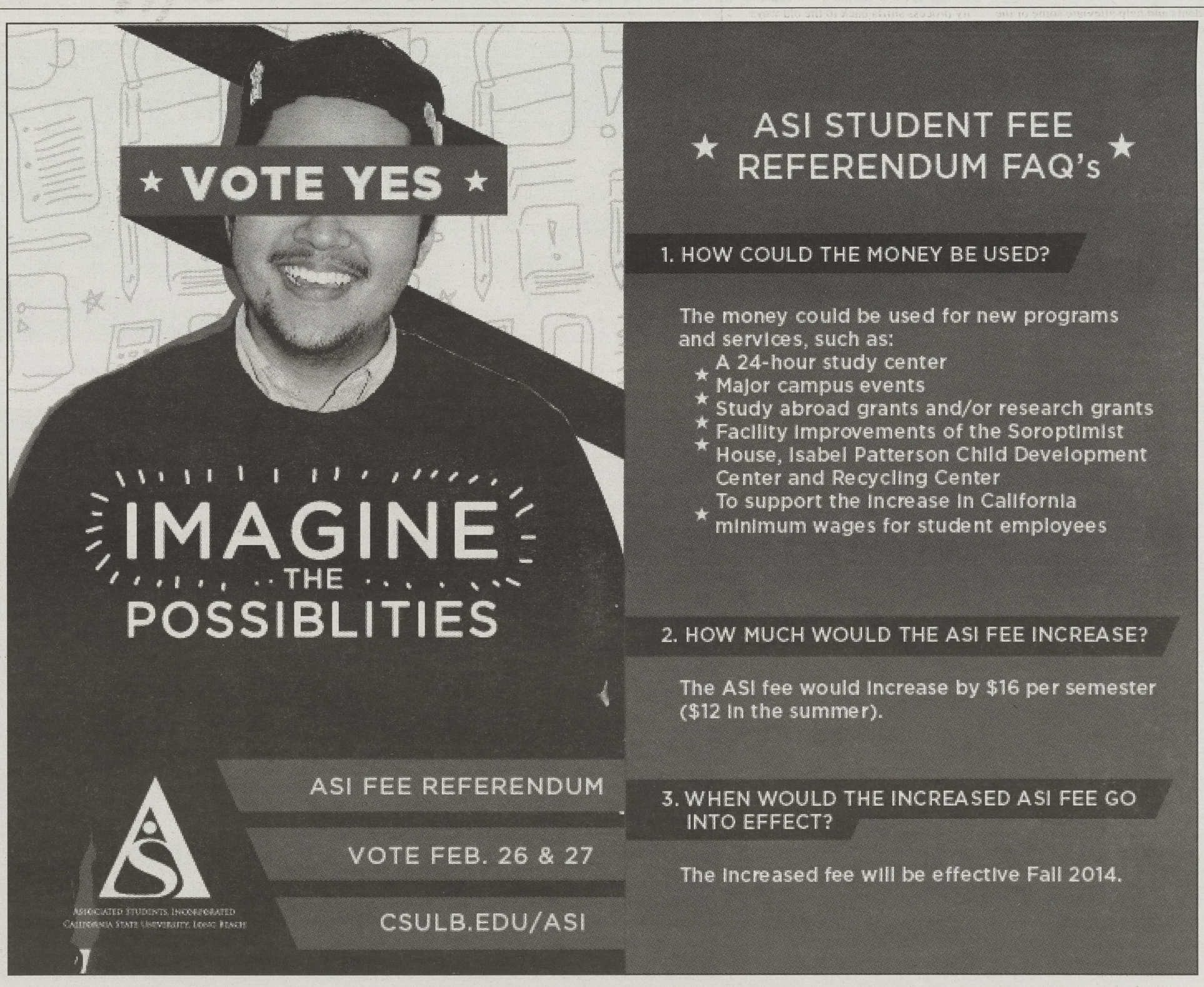
If we offend, shock and upset, we're disdained, but at least we're noticed.

In response to the Our View's closing line, "leaving students feeling guilty […] isn't going to stop carnivores from getting a burger at The Nugget": If a person is able to walk through the Glass Walls exhibit and immediately get a burger right after, we cannot appeal to you.

We can only appeal to people who possess empathy and feel that torturing animals is wrong.

As for those of you who do feel guilty, ye' possessors of humanity, we remind you that Veggie Burgers are available for $4.09.

Cease Animal Torture is a CSULB student organization that strives to end all animal suffering through educating the public on animal cruelty and promoting a vegan lifestyle.



Say goodnight to Leno, hello to Fallon

Fallon takes Leno's seat on "The Tonight Show," but brings elements of "Late Night" along with him.

By Jesus Gonzalez
Assistant Diversions Editor

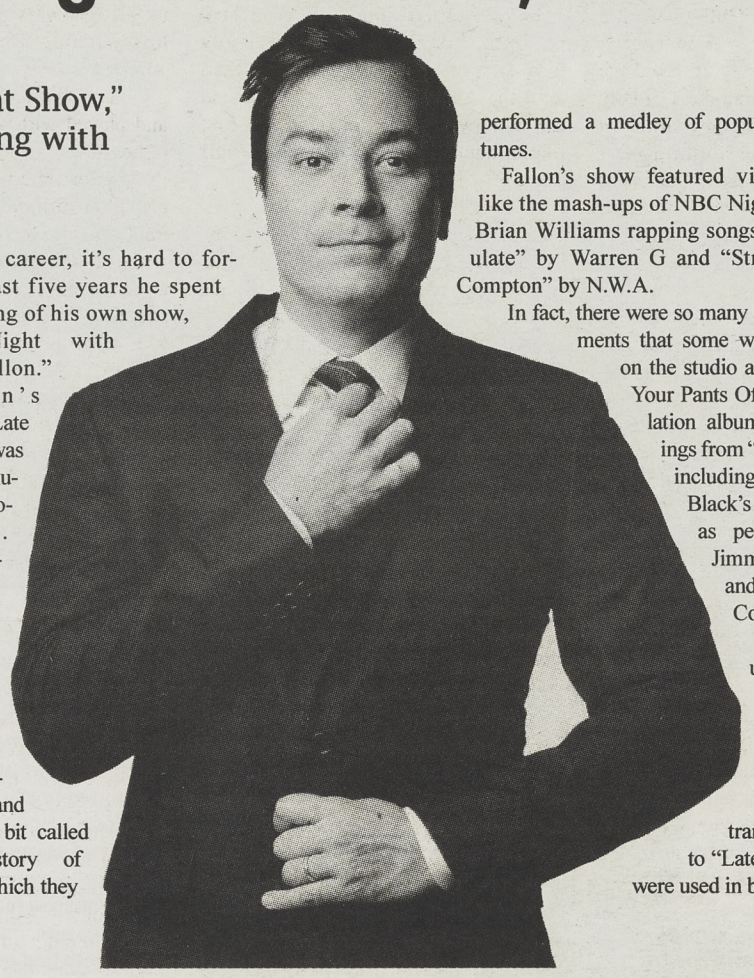
A new and exciting era of late night television will begin tonight as Jimmy Fallon takes over Jay Leno's gig at "The Tonight Show."

With the change, Fallon is also taking "The Tonight Show" back to New York for the first time since 1972 when Johnny Carson was the host.

Fallon is not new to the television scene, beginning in 1998 he spent six years at "Saturday Night Live." Four of his SNL years he spent as co-anchor for the Weekend Update segment with Tina Fey.

Over the years, Fallon had several other roles in television and even tried to pursue a film career. However, his film career never took off, and he was somewhat fortunate that he was able to take over "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" in 2009 when O'Brien left the show.

Before Fallon moves into the next phase of his television career, it's hard to forget the past five years he spent was hosting of his own show, "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon."



Fallon's time on "Late Night" was full of musical moments. When Justin Timberlake was a guest, it was not uncommon for them to stop mid-interview and perform a bit called "The History of Rap," in which they performed a medley of popular hip-hop tunes.

Fallon's show featured viral classics like the mash-ups of NBC Nightly News' Brian Williams rapping songs like "Regulate" by Warren G and "Straight outta Compton" by N.W.A.

In fact, there were so many musical moments that some were featured on the studio album "Blow Your Pants Off," a compilation album of recordings from "Late Night," including Rebecca Black's "Friday" as performed by Jimmy Fallon and Stephen Colbert.

Fallon also used his spot-on impression talents from SNL, which transferred well to "Late Night" and were used in both sketches and running gags.

Now it's time for Fallon to bring his antics to the "Tonight Show" and just like he did with "Late Night," he will likely make it his own. His house band, The Roots, and his sidekick Steve Higgins will also be making the transition with him so hopefully we don't see too much of a change.

One thing that is sure to change is the audience; Fallon is young, witty, and charming and will definitely be attracting younger viewers. The surge of the next generation of viewers will create a rivalry for ratings between Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel and David Letterman.

Fallon's inaugural show will include Will Smith and musical guest U2. Other guests throughout the inaugural week include Kristen Wigg, Will Ferrell, Bradley Cooper, Jerry Seinfeld and Michelle Obama. Musical guests will include Lady Gaga, Tim McGraw and Arcade Fire.

Seth Meyers, who has been at SNL for the past 13 years and was also Weekend Update anchor, will take over Fallon's "Late Night" job starting Feb. 24.

"The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon" will air weeknights at midnight due to the Olympics but should return to its usual slot at 11:35 p.m. on Feb. 24.

Creativity and collaboration in concert

Undergraduate students choreograph a number of pieces in the dance production.

By Sean Mosley
Assistant Diversions Editor

Over the weekend, the Cal State Long Beach College of the Arts and Department of Dance showcased the 2014 CSULB Contemporary Dance Concert.

The pieces presented brought a diverse and exciting evening of dance, featuring original choreography by CSULB undergraduate choreographers, Daniel De La Rosa, Jessica Egbert, Megan Guise, Katie Marshall, Molly Matutat, Joebel Medina, Bradon Olsen and Melissa Sennewald.

There were two acts, comprised of eight dances that drew upon a wide range of dance styles, musical inspirations and artistic collaborations.

The first dance, "Fix...Re-fix," was a modern dance trio inspired by everyday relationships and used intricate and passionate movements choreographed by Brandon Olsen. It was highlighted by an original composition by CSULB student composer, Jake Abernathie, and performed live by cellist Cole Syverson. Like the dance itself, the music was very somber in tone, effectively instilling a feeling of struggle between the dancers. It was a well done opening, which set a high standard for the rest of the show.

Jessica Egbert presented a collaborative work that had initially started as a composition assignment and later evolved into the piece performed on stage.

"The Audacity to Be Both Wise and Naïve," a duet choreographed by Egbert in collaboration with Kelly Attwood and Marielle Richardson, looks at the power struggles in relationships and the challenges of choosing when to take a stand and when to move on. Egbert and Attwood had amazing chemistry working off of each other. The score did a nice job setting the tone but was ultimately forgettable when watching the two dancers work their magic on stage.

"We started working back in September on the piece and have spent countless hours in the studio rehearsing, even coming back to school two weeks early over winter break to work on it," Egbert said.

Egbert said that the show was a product of team effort; the choreographers were constantly supported by faculty, stage designers and stage techs.

"It was so amazing to have to opportunity to put work on stage and have the support of the faculty in the department of dance," Egbert said.

The last performance of Act I, De La Rosa's "Silence is Silver," explored and challenged the idea that men are expected to suppress their feelings.

The vocal cues and context-sensitive movements were spot on. When one dancer expressed his emotion, either anger or sadness, the others rushed to his side to mask or scrutinize him. Through the dance, emotions built up, escalating to a climatic fight between the men followed by the calm presented in the beginning. The lighting effects on stage and the varied sound of the score further contributed to the anger the dance represented. It all worked together to create the calm before a storm effect that was unique to this dance.

The last dance closed the night on an exuberant note. "Tappin' Out," co-choreographed by Marshall and Sennewald to an original score by Brian Wood, offered an eye catching display of four tap dancers' individuality and unrepressed energy.

Watching each dancer gave the illusion of four separate dances on stage. Using chairs as stage props, they began dancing on top of the chairs and passing them around each other smoothly without missing a beat.



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Student choreographers and dancers gather after performing in the Contemporary Dance Concert last weekend.



Women's Basketball

49er women end weekend with upset over first-place Cal Poly

Long Beach State takes down the Mustangs on the road, 85-72.

By Michael Morris
Assistant Sports Editor

The Long Beach State women's basketball team split its set of road games, losing to UC Santa Barbara, 80-69, on Thursday and following it with a commanding win against reigning Big West champion Cal Poly on Saturday, 85-72.

The Beach (14-10, 6-5 Big West) was unable to dig itself out of a hole against the Gauchos, giving UCSB (7-16, 2-8 Big West) its second win in conference play while the 49ers knocked the Mustangs off their high horse. Cal Poly (14-10, 8-3 Big West) is now sitting at second behind Cal State Northridge.

"Our complete mindset, our mentality, our attitude, our heart, our togetherness was completely different than Thursday night," head coach Jody Wynn said. "Credit those young women for a great practice and an incredible focus yesterday in preparation for this game and not allowing one game to destroy our confidence."

At the Thunder Dome on Thursday, the 'Niners shot 8-for-21 in the first half and finished the night with 22 turnovers compared to the Gauchos' 11.

UCSB started things off on a 11-0 run in the first two minutes, eventually turning it into a 24-6 run that lasted until the 10:58 mark. The 49ers turned the ball over seven times in the first four minutes and they went into the half down 39-23.

The size of the Gauchos' lead fluctuated, but it never went away entirely. The 'Niners finished with only 10 points in the paint and just six second chance points.

Two days later, the 49ers played a Cal Poly team that they lost to 107-102 at the Walter Pyramid a month ago. However, it was an entirely differently game, with the 49ers in control for its entirety.

"It stung," Wynn said. "We played good offense at our place and battled to get that game in overtime but that loss certainly stung and it set deep in our hearts and our kids were ready to go today. They were extremely focused and played with a tremendous amount of heart."

A week removed from celebrating her 22nd birthday at the Walter Pyramid, co-captain Ella Clark stepped up with a career night in which she scored a career-high 23 points on 9-for-11 shooting and tied a career high with four steals. Fellow co-captain Hallie Meneses also shouldered much of the load by matching her career-best 19 points on just seven shots to go along with eight assists.

"The two of them were extremely productive, and I'm just really proud of the two of them for stepping up and not allowing our team's morale to just get in the tank after we didn't play well at all on Thursday," Wynn said.

The 49ers defense kept the Mustangs production to three players: big woman Molly Schlemer, guard Ariana Elegado and Jonae Ervin. Besides their 39 points combined, the 'Niners held Cal Poly to 4-for-23 shooting.

The 49ers had almost as many points in the paint as that trio had in the game, with 36 on the night.

The 49ers will return to the friendly confines of the Walter Pyramid on Thursday for a game against UC Davis. The last time the teams met, the 49ers erased a double-digit deficit at halftime but lost in the final seconds, 63-60.

Basketball

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lot of great players have played here," Caffey said.

After the game, Monson joked that he didn't know Caffey was close to hitting the milestone.

"That's a pretty big deal," he said. "We'll give you a pat on the back, and I think we give you a ceremonial ball for that eventually."

Back on the court, the 49ers cruised for the rest of the game, ultimately winning, 74-65.

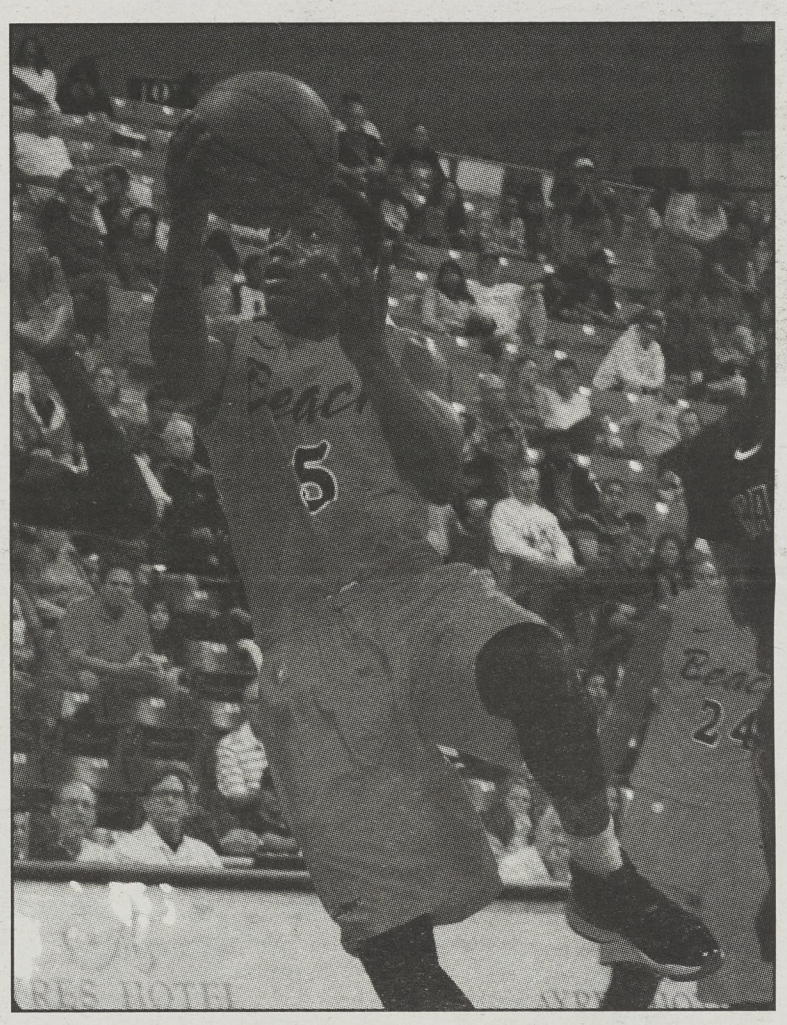
Leading The Beach offensively were Tyler Lamb (19 points), Caffey (18) and Dan Jennings (12). The 49ers are now 5-1 in conference play when Lamb and Caffey finish with double-digit point totals.

"We're supposed to, I wouldn't say carry the team offensively, but we're supposed to be engaged on the offensive end," Caffey said. "It helps the whole team out when we're engaged."

Monson said he was most proud of the team's defense. The 49ers held Cal Poly's leading scorer, forward Chris Eversley, to three points for most of the game.

"There was just an awareness for him," Monson said. "Defensively, I thought our guys locked into the game plan ... I really thought we disrupted well."

The 49ers only have one game to prepare for this week, as they will travel to UC Davis on Thursday and have Saturday off. Thursday's tip-off is set for 7 p.m.



Todd Johnson | Daily 49er

Mike Caffey (5) reached 1,000 points for his LBSU career during the game against Cal Poly, passing 49er greats Bryon Russell and George Trapp on the school's all-time scoring rankings.

Softball

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this season, the 49ers' offense more than made up for inconsistent starting pitching. In their three wins, the 49ers scored 20 runs. Even in their two losses, the 49ers still a managed to score 11 runs; albeit eight of them coming against Ohio State (4-6).

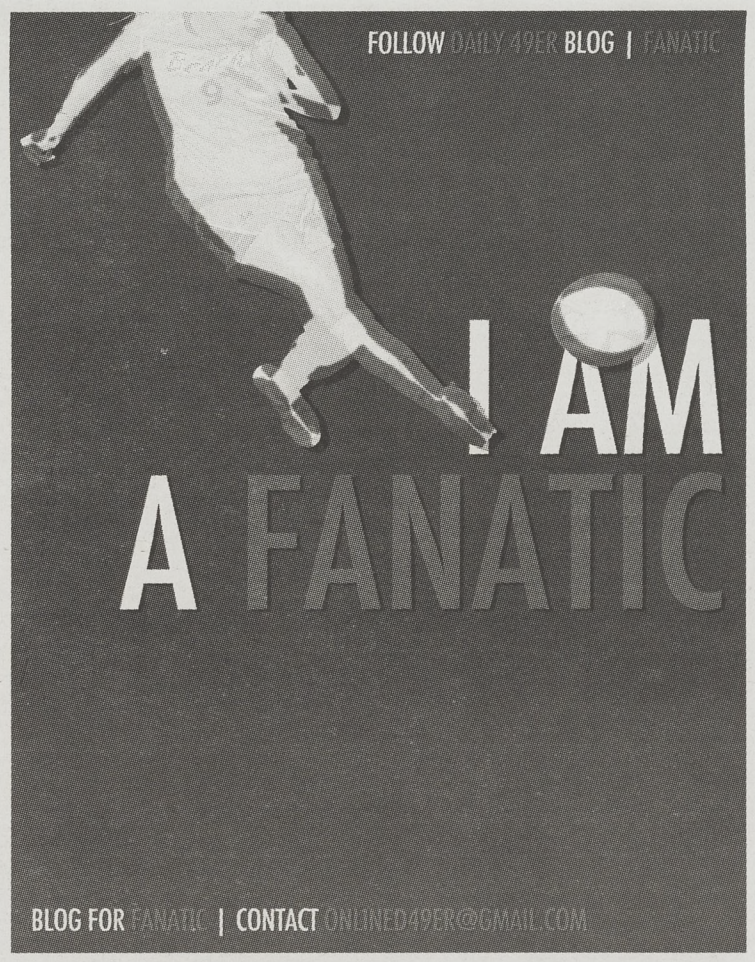
Junior Ashley Holmes continued her terrific offensive start. Holmes, who was the team-leader in home runs going into the tournament, added three more home runs over the weekend.

The 49ers currently have six starters with a batting average of at least .350, including reigning Big West Player of the Year Shayna Kimbrough.

An offense that was so lethal last year continues to display its versatility and how it can beat an opponent with different players.

Pitcher Erin Jones-Wesley showed signs of getting out of her early season funk. The senior was outstanding in an 8-1 victory against Utah Valley (0-10), tossing seven innings of one-run with 11 strikeouts.

The 49ers' next tournament will prove to be their biggest challenge yet. The team will travel to Palms Springs for the Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic, where they'll face the no. 21 team in the nation, Louisiana State.



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SATURDAY
Cal Poly 65
Long Beach State 74

Women's Basketball
THURSDAY
Long Beach State 69
UC Santa Barbara 80

SATURDAY
Long Beach State 85
Cal Poly 72

Baseball
FRIDAY
Vanderbilt 5
Long Beach State 2

SATURDAY
Vanderbilt 6
Long Beach State 0

SUNDAY
Vanderbilt 6
Long Beach State 2

Softball
FRIDAY
Utah Valley 1
Long Beach State 8
Ohio State 10
Long Beach State 8

SATURDAY
UT-El Paso 4
Long Beach State 5
Utah 11
Long Beach State 3

SUNDAY
Long Beach State 7
UNLV 6

Men's Volleyball
WEDNESDAY
Long Beach State 3
UCLA 1

FRIDAY
Long Beach State 1
UCLA 3

Women's Water Polo
SATURDAY
Long Beach State 7
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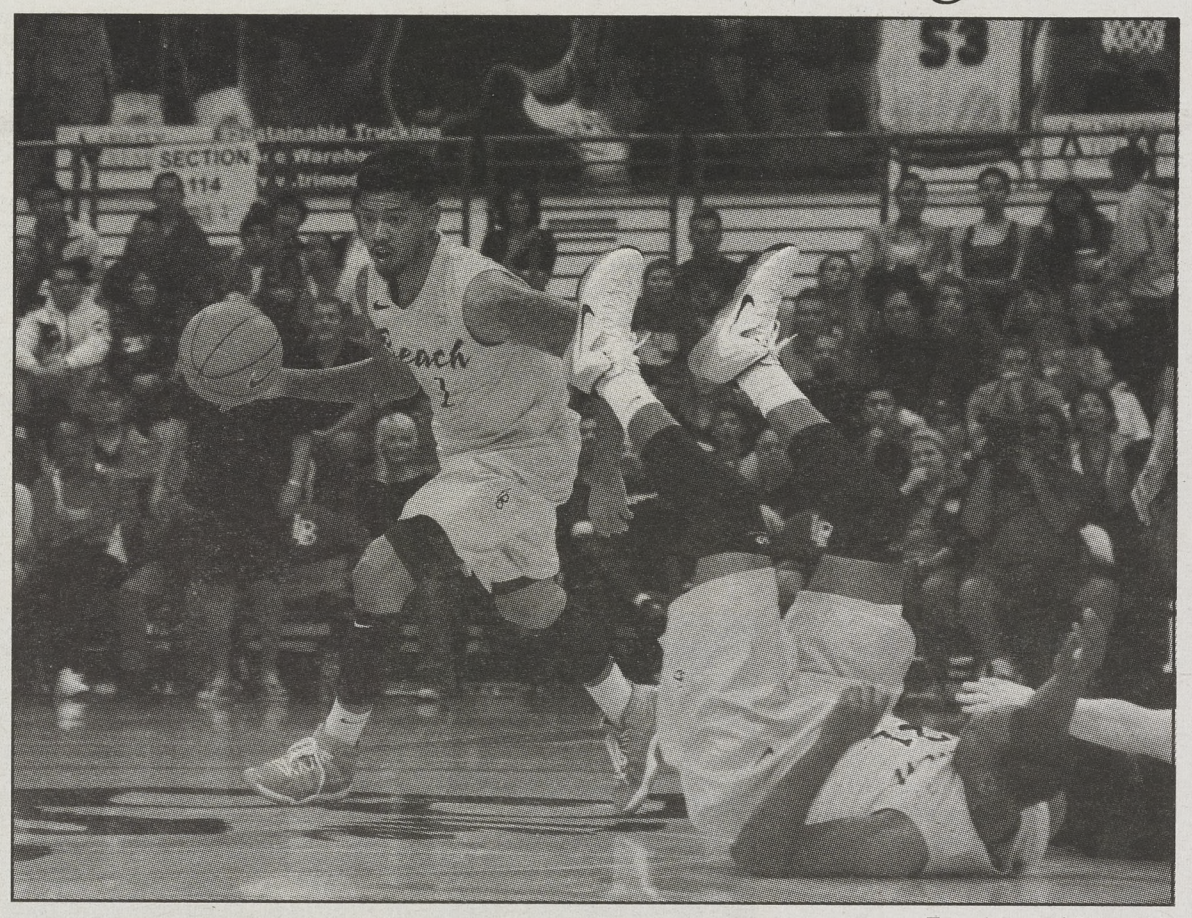
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Italy	5	0-2-3

Men's Basketball

Long Beach State rebounds from tough loss

LBSU takes down Cal Poly two days after losing at the last second to UCSB.

By Jason Clark
Sports Editor



Todd Johnson | Daily 49er
Tyler Lamb (1) dribbles around a couple fallen players during Saturday's game. Lamb finished with 19 points.

After a heartbreaking loss to UC Santa Barbara on Thursday, the Long Beach State men's basketball team came back with a strong effort to beat Cal Poly, 74-65.

With soon-to-be LBSU president Jane Close Conoley in attendance, the 49ers (11-14, 7-4 Big West Conference) controlled the second half and ultimately put away the Mustangs (9-15, 5-6 Big West).

The win came two days after UCSB spoiled an LBSU comeback attempt with a last-second win made thanks to a buzzer-beating layup by Michael Bryson.

"We didn't win on Thursday, but it wasn't because our guys didn't compete or play hard," head coach Dan Monson said. "I'm proud of them, and I think we're going to continue to get better because of their attitude and their effort."

Anxious to get back on the court following Thursday's loss, the 49ers found themselves in the middle of another close game on Saturday. Defense ruled early, as the score was just 11-9 eight minutes into the game.

The scoring picked up during the last three minutes of the first half, though, and LBSU went into the locker room leading, 28-26.

It was more of the same to start the second half, as both teams traded baskets amid defensive struggles. Cal Poly even took a 31-30 lead with 18:04 to go, but A.J. Spencer hit a layup 30 seconds later to put The Beach back on top.

The 49ers would hold that lead for the rest of the game, gradually increasing it the rest of the way.

With LBSU pulling away and a win becoming more and more certain, junior guard Mike Caffey gave the Pyramid even more to cheer about. He drained a 3-pointer with 6:25 left on the clock, giving him 1,000 points for his LBSU career.

"It's an honor to be in that group; a

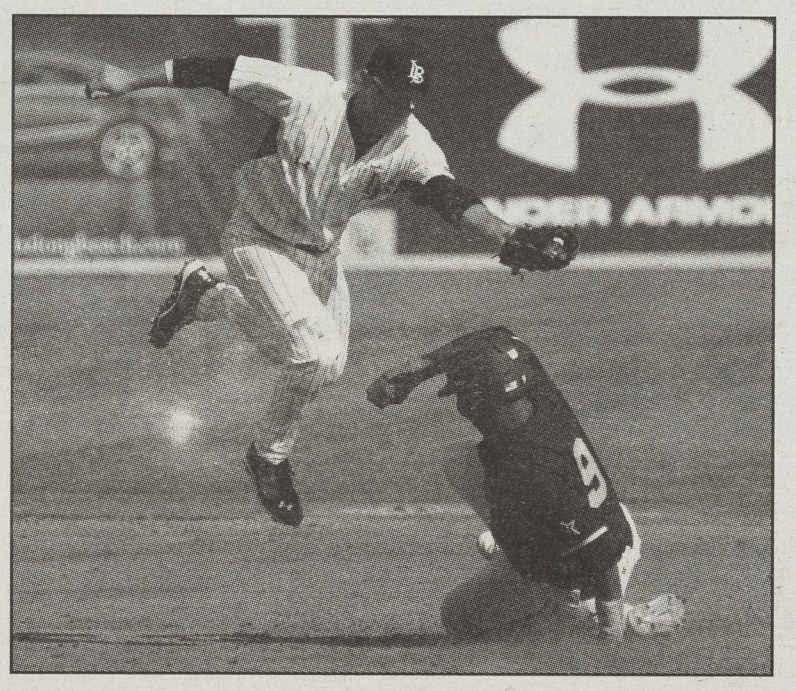
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Baseball

Dirtbags swept by Vandy to open season

The Commodore starting pitchers shut down Long Beach State.

By Alex Campos
Assistant Sports Editor



Michael Ares | Daily 49er
Second baseman Zack Domingues jumps to avoid the slide of Vanderbilts' Xavier Tuner during Sunday's game at Blair Field.

For the first time since 1990, the Dirtbags were swept in their opening series, a feat completed by a 6-2 loss to No. 8 Vanderbilt on Sunday.

The loss came on the heels of a 5-2 loss on Friday and 6-0 loss on Saturday. Sunday Pitcher Ty Provencher, who saw time as a relief pitcher last season, made his first career start for Long Beach State (0-3).

Vandy (3-0) made Provencher work early in the game. After he retired Ro Coleman to start the game, two singles and a walk loaded the bases. A sacrifice fly by Nolan Rogers gave the Commodores the first run of the game, but Provencher picked off Xavier Turner to keep the damage at a minimum.

Sunday was the Bryan Reynolds show at Blair Field. Reynolds, in his third career game, went 3-for-4 with three RBIs. In the series, he went 6-for-10 with four total RBIs. He did it defensively as well, as he robbed LBSU's Michael Hill of an RBI in the sixth. Vandy also got two RBIs from Turner, who had a scoring sac fly on a great catch by Colby Brenner in the ninth inning.

"The dive in left, if the ball gets by him it's a couple runs and a runner in scoring position," Hill said. "They made plays, there's nothing you can do about that.

Vanderbilt's pitching was dominant throughout the series. Friday starter Tyler Beede retired 13 straight Dirtbags at one point, Jared Miller retired 14 in a row on Saturday and Sunday's starter, Tyler Furguson, retired 11 in a row. The three Vanderbilt starters combined to throw 16.1 innings and gave up a total of 3 hits, 2 of which were on bunts.

"In all of my years coaching college baseball, besides some of the staffs I had the privilege to coach here, that was arguably the deepest pitching staff," head coach Troy Buckley said. "That's a College World Series pitching staff."

The Dirtbags finally scratched in the sixth. After a throwing error by Furguson and a Zack Domingues hit-by-pitch, Garret Hampson flew out. Furguson was pulled for John Kilichowski, who was saved by Reynolds' diving catch.

TJ Pecoraro then came in to face Zack Rivera, who laced the first pitch into left to drive in a run. Back-to-back walks gave the Dirtbags a second run, and Adam Ravenelle retired pinch-hitter Zack Belanger to end the threat.

Kyle Friedrichs then came in to throw the ninth, his first appearance since having Tommy John surgery before last season. He allowed two hits and a run.

"I think he did ok," Buckley said. "I think he was a little tentative. He did fine. It's nice to get him some work. He's gonna be an important part out of the bullpen for us."

The Dirtbags look for their first win of the season Tuesday at Pepperdine.

Softball

Long Beach State takes three of five in Las Vegas

The 49ers end the weekend with a win over host UNLV.

By Oscar Terrones
Staff Writer

Offensive firepower continued to carry the Long Beach State softball team in another up-and-down weekend, this time in the Easton Desert Classic in Las Vegas.

The 49ers improved to 6-4 on the season after splitting doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday. The 49ers then had to hold off a late rally from UNLV (2-7) on Sunday to secure a winning record.

LBSU started its weekend with a 10-8 loss to Ohio State on Friday but quickly rebounded to beat Utah Valley by a score of 8-1 later that day. The 49ers then defeated UTEP 5-4 on Saturday before falling to Utah, 11-3. They closed out the weekend by defeating tournament host UNLV, 7-6.

In what's been a common theme

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